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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The accompanying Amendment and Remarks are presented in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 1, 2006 with a one month shortened statutory response time set to expire on April 1, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment prior to further examination of the application.